

Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



The Flyer 2016-2017



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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
6 Mar	Know Your Heart Disease Risk- <i>Bernard Dragon</i>	John McPhee	Mike Finke
13 Mar	No meeting- Labour Day		
20 Mar	Person Behind the Badge- <i>Martine Macleod-Craig</i>	Ray Smith	Bob Laslett
27 Mar	Genealogy- <i>Jenny Harkness</i> Box Hill High Awards	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
3 Apr	Conference Review	Stuart Williams	John McPhee
10 Apr	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Mike Finke	Chris Tuck

CELEBRATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron and Robbie on their new grandparental status—Savannah Brooks arrived 9.44pm on Thursday 2 March courtesy Elsa and Nicholas!!

DUTY ROSTER

	MARCH	APRIL
Recorder	Bob Laslett	Martine Macleod-Craig
Greeter	Martine Macleod-Craig	Barbara Searle
Emergency	Gary Baltissen	Warwick Stott
Cashier	Ray Smith	Mike Finke

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend

bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 0412 807 585 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

.SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of

Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

530 435. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Rotaract is in good hands with the enthusiasm of Clare Caulfield and her ability to tell the story. Thank you Clare.

Recently I have attended both our Cluster Group and District Presidents meeting. At both meetings with the changes relating to working with children brought about by recent legislative enactments in Victoria, it is important that we all update our working with children qualifications. Members can go online to complete renewal or application, and you are encouraged to do this. Where difficulty is being experienced, the Board will arrange a meeting night where this can be done following the normal meeting at Bucatini's.

Thank you to Bev and Gary for opening up your home this Thursday for a fellowship lunch and farm visit.

Upcoming events that we could keep in our diaries are

- St Toms Hope, a part of St Thomas Catholic Church in Central Road Blackburn who are holding an interest meeting on **March 10** seeking volunteers to engage in non-denominational community work within the city of Whitehorse and Waverley
- **April 28** RAMS fundraising dinner silent auction at the Mulgrave Club
- **June 9** Peridot Theatre. We have the selling rights to that night as a fundraiser. Seating capacity 150plus and we will be seeking a co beneficiary to raise funds for the partner for a specific project. Further info will be forthcoming. Watch this space.

The sergeant raised \$28.45 and the raffle grossed \$42.00

On Monday night I read out a statement that originated from Toorak Uniting Church and found its way into the East Doncaster Baptist church with a minor alteration and which appears to reflect our membership growths aims.

“ We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to’

Whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.”

John

Best Wishes to Marg for a speedy recovery after her recent operation.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

The meeting was opened 6.30pm with toasts from Sergeant Bob Williams. His introduction was about Bill Gates, who dropped out of Harvard at 20 to start his own business and who became a billionaire at 32 years of age. Bill Gates is an avid supporter of Rotary Programs.

Bill Marsh, chairperson, welcomed the 12 members and two guests: Bum, International visitor and Clare Caulfield, Rotaract member and our Speaker.

President John McPhee reported on the Presidents forum and future activities. He also mentioned District upcoming events and the urgent need for members to obtain a Working With Children's Check. He had collected nine kilos of international coins from Templestowe for our program.

Next came Program reports, which again showed the excellent progress the club is making in each area.

- Finance- Treasurer Warwick Stott commented on the fundraising markets coming up, including the need for all members to help with the egg and bacon stall. He then discussed the up-coming Membership evening and to chat with everyone about Rotary.
- International- Stuart Williams reported on the pens, coloured pencils and books he is organizing for Fijian schools.
- Community - Chris Tuck reported that the Box Hill High School award planning is in progress.
- Youth – Glenys Grant reported that MUNA is well underway now, with the event on the first weekend in May. She circulated a comprehensive NYSF report from Thanushi Peiris. Thanushi will speak to the club later in the year. Three people are attending Youth Seminar, 28/2 including Shareen Bottrell of BHH.
- Fellowship: Bill Marsh reported on two events this week ie Thursday's social day at Sorrento with Gary and Bev Baltissen which 15 members and partners will attend and a film night on Friday.
- Program- as published
- Secretary Bob Laslett distributed all correspondence, thanked last week's Forest Hill College breakfast team of Glenys and Chris, and this week's team of Bob and Barb Williams.
- Almoner reports included Nancy N leaving hospital, Joan H still in hospital but feeling much better.

Sergeant Bob Williams raised many a laugh and a fine or two, as well as the princely sum of \$28.45 during his origin of names. Q-who has EVER heard of an army of frogs??



Following our meal, Speaker and Rotaract member Clare Caulfield spoke of her experiences in Monash Rotaract club and their involvement in a lot of Rotary activities. She related how she had been at Monash University and needed to make new friends and be involved in a likeminded community group. She has now been a member for six years, President in the 2013-14 year. Her current roles, apart from full time teaching at Fintona, are as a member of the Rotary Sustainable Communities Committee, RAM District Committee and the 2017 District Conference Committee.

These points were made

- Rotaract commenced in 1968
- It is open to adults 18-30.
- Our District has 4 clubs – Whitehorse, Monash, Yarra Ranges, and Knox(?).
- Approx 50 members.
- A number of Rotaractors join Rotary in their later years. Focus on Career and then family gets in the way initially, but eventually people get re-connected.
- Rotaract is a natural progression from Rotary Youth programs like RYPEN, RYLA, and Interact clubs.
- There are 4 avenues of service opportunities ie Professional and Personal development, Community Service, International Service and Club Service, with Social, Conference and training aspects. Clare gave many examples of these projects to support great causes in both the local and International Community.
- They assist with Rotary projects like RYPEN, MUNA, markets, Conference, etc
- Leadership and other skills learnt help with getting on the right career path.
- Fundraising is an on-going purpose ie a major project is helping fund RAM
- There is some involvement with Interactors, and there is hope they later will join Rotaract
- Membership of Monash Rotaract Club is fairly stable. Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges need more members, and Knox is a not yet fully formed club.
- Clare and other Rotaract members welcome the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Rotaract and Rotary.
- They believe the relationship means they can bring new ideas and enthusiasm into Rotary and learn stable business and administrative acumen from the more mature Rotarians.

Members interest showed in the questions that followed. Our informative Speaker was thanked and given a presentation gift of a Ray Smith handcrafted wooden pen.

The Raffle raised \$42.00

General meeting closed and was followed by a Board meeting.

G.Grant

Sergeant Reflection 27 February 2017

Bill Gates before 30

With tonight's theme about young people I thought I'd see what Bill Gates did by the time he was 30. He was born in 1955 and when he was in 8th Grade the school mother's club bought a teletype terminal and computer time with General Electric. Bill was excused time from his Maths classes to program the GE system in BASIC then created a system where users could play games against the computer. At 16 he wrote the school's computer program to schedule students in classes and he modified the code so he was placed in classes with a disproportionate number of "interesting" girls. At 17 he made traffic counters and at 18 served as a congressional page in the US House of Representatives. At that age he enrolled in Harvard College scoring 1590 out of 1600 in a Scholastic Aptitude test. In his second year there he devised an algorithm for pancake sorting which was a problem set by one of his teachers and Bill's solution was the fastest ever recorded at Harvard.

At 20 he dropped out of Harvard as with the support of his parents, Bill wanted to start his own company which he did with his Harvard mate Paul Allen and called it Micro – soft, changing the name next year to Microsoft.

In 1980 when he was 25, IBM sought Microsoft's help to produce an operating system for a one- off fee of \$50,000.

In 1987 at age 32 he became a Billionaire and his wealth is now estimated at 85 Billion enabling him with his wife Melinda through the Gates Foundation to be major philanthropists throughout the world with Rotary being one of the major beneficiaries.

Not bad for a College drop out

Bob

RUMBEK SOUTH SUDAN SCHOOL

Samuel Manhom is one of the “Lost Boys of South Sudan” whose army dad was shot and wounded in the internal conflict there before he and his younger brother fled with the other “Lost Boys” to Kenya, evading the warring factions, being drowned plus crocodiles in their many river crossings and starvation in their two - month trek. They remained in a camp for twelve years before Sam and his brother were offered to be re-settled in Australia.

To better himself, Sam studied bookkeeping whilst working at manual jobs and applied for a bookkeeping job at Good Shepherd Youth and Family where I was the Business Manager, prompting me to employ him. He told me of his dream to build a school in his home village of Rumbek and the school must have at least 50% girl students. I said that it was a project that I’m sure Rotary would be interested in so I encouraged him to talk to several clubs including Forest Hill and Manningham and the project was picked up by Manningham, with ongoing financial support from Forest Hill. A generous benefactor at Manningham paid for Sam to return to South Sudan for an exploratory visit in 2011. From the capital (and airport) Juba, it is a 5 hour drive to Rumbek which is in the Lakes District in the middle of South Sudan. Sam met with the Director General for Education who was most enthusiastic and supportive of the idea. Sam then met with the Chief of Rumbek who granted land for the project. Sam sought advice from the United Nations for Project Services and they provided a rough estimate of AUD\$89,000 for a 4 -room school, teacher’s room, toilets and water bore.

The local Catholic Diocese run a school some distance away and agreed to oversee the construction and when complete to provide teachers and run the school.

Advice was also sought from UNICEF and OXFAM.

Sam formed a school committee and asked several Manningham members to join as well as several from the local South Sudanese community plus me. With their existing South Sudan connection, North Melbourne Footy club invited us to use one of their meeting rooms for our monthly meetings.

Manningham set up a RAWCS account to enable tax deductions for donations and then we organised a fund-raising dinner and auction where \$17,500 was raised which provided great impetus. Sam’s wonderful mentor Cameron Haggard who took Sam under his wing from soon after he arrived in Australia, chairs the committee and along with Joady Barnes of Manningham who handles the funds ins and outs through RAWCS, have been tireless in their work. One of them usually accompanies Sam to various meetings at Rotary and other clubs, obtaining donations, to the extent where last year we were able to commence construction starting with the water bore, pump and tank which then enabled the whole village to obtain clean, fresh water instead of having to walk miles to the nearest river day and night. We received a \$5,000 Rotary District Grant to assist. We now have nearly enough to complete the construction which is using local bricks and all walls are now being built with the roof to be next. We sought and received a further \$5,000 District Grant for the toilets, total cost \$15,900, which is yet to be constructed so all should be completed in the next few months providing there are no unseen delays.

Upon completion there are 80 children ready to enrol so we will continue raising funds for the fit-out which the Catholic Diocese will also be able to assist with to some extent.

So after nearly 7 years Sam’s dream is nearing fruition. All very exciting.

During this time Sam has completed an accountancy course at Vic Uni, who in 2014 awarded him “Young Achiever of the Year” with Cameron and I and our two wives being invited to the ceremony.

Further to SBS news filming a segment at Tullamarine airport of Sam’s relatives migrating to Australia a couple of weeks ago, they now want to do another segment, this time on the Rumbek School so if that proceeds it should provide some good publicity for Rotary.

Is it any wonder I am so proud of this amazing young man?

Bob Williams



CONFERENCE

Another outstanding conference speaker- when I heard him at a recent Rotary Institute the whole audience rose spontaneously to give him a standing ovation



Marcus Akuhata-Brown

An experienced educator and gifted communicator, Marcus has led a number of innovative programmes around the world.

In New Zealand his work has focused on addressing the learning and developmental needs of youth at risk and young offenders. From 1996 to 2004 Marcus travelled all over the world as a diplomat, international representative and delegate to multilateral meetings.

Marcus founded Tukaha Global Consultancy in 2000 and currently divides his time between speaking and consultancy work, land development activities in his tribal area and studies through Te Wananga o Raukawa, a tribal university.

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Barbara and I were the brekkie makers this week with again ham and cheese toasties being the go.

Barbara did the making and went through over 7 loaves of bread and I got to be the “chef” using the two Brevilles and we managed to keep the hungry hordes fed and happy.

Chaplain Ben was able to spend time sitting and talking to the kids as we had two very capable students assisting us with handing out the goodies (the students also receive cereal and fruit juice for their \$1 donation), washing up etc.

It was a really nice change from sizzling 100's of snaggers!

Barb and Judy L this week

Bob

Report on Nancy Notman.

Nancy's illness, Mesothelioma is inoperable and advanced. She has decided against having weekly intravenous chemo and radiotherapy. Nancy does not want to hate life.

Please keep Nancy and her battle in your thoughts. Stuart W.

Footy tipping

Hi

I would like to invite you to have some fun over the footy season. Join our computerised footy tipping. One minute per week. You can even pick the whole season ahead if you wish. A default score if you forget

Log onto ESPN Footy Tips

Competition is named Kickgoals17

Password RFH17

cost is only \$30. Weekly prizes, end of season prizes.

We will collect your money later. Join in the fun. Take an interest in the games each week.

Season starts in 3 weeks. We would love to have you on board.

Regards

Stuart Williams

RAM

Malaria Awareness Day Fundraising Dinner

Friday 28 April 6.30 for 7 pm

Foundation Breakfast

A Rotary Breakfast with Jeff Kennett to Celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation Stimulating, Provocative, Challenging Tuesday 2 May

Time: 7.15 am - 9.00 am

Place: Elizabethan Lodge,
604-610 Middleborough Rd
Blackburn North
\$45 inc breakfast

DIARY DATES

Thu 2 Mar	Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.
Fri 3 Mar	Film night at Forest Hill theatre
Sat 4 Mar/ Sun 5 Mar	PETS(President Elect's Training Seminar)
Sat 11 Mar	Blackburn market
Sun 12 Mar	Whitehorse Farmer's market
Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr	District 9810 Conference
Fri 7 Apr	Film night
Sat 8 Apr	Blackburn market
Sun 9 Apr	Eggs and bacon at Whitehorse Farmer's Market

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

March	Water and Sanitation
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ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5 pm Wednesday please.